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WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE NOTICE

Effective July 1, 2017 water and sewer rates will increase.

The new water rate for 2017 will be \$9.47 per 1,000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$28.41 for 3,000 gallons billed quarterly. For the average single family house that uses 15,000 gallons per quarter, the water bill will increase from \$138.00 to \$142.00 per quarter. Your cost could be less or more than this, depending on how much water you use.

The new sewer rate for 2017 will be \$17.17 per 1,000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$51.51 for 3,000 gallons billed quarterly. For the average single family house that uses 15,000 gallons per quarter, the sewer bill will increase from \$250.00 to \$258.00 per quarter. Your cost could be less or more than this, depending on how much water you use.

REASONS FOR THE RATE INCREASE:

- Operating expenses have increased;
- Funding reserves for emergency repairs and operations have been depleted and need to be increased;
- o Existing rates will not adequately fund capital improvement project costs for infrastructure upgrades, maintenance, repairs, and replacement.